PRESIDENT : It is the third time you are asking that, Mr. Thanu Pillai. Please sit down. The Secretary will please proceed with the next question.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*). Am I not allowed to put any more supplementary question on this question?

PRESIDENT : No, not on this point.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): I rise to a point of order. The time allotted for questions and answers has expired.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : The rule is that the first hour shall be devoted to questions. There is no objection to continue even after that hour if the other items of business in the day's agenda would not suffer. To-day, the remaining business is in connection with Government Bills. I have no objection to have the answering of questions being continued.

PRESIDENT : I allow it to continue.

Grant of copies of records from the Central Vernacular Records Office.

184. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether copies of records in the Central Vernacular Records Office are given as a matter of right to applicants ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the rules under which copies are granted ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The grant of copies of records in the Central Vernacular Records is regulated by the principles enunciated in the rules published at pages 268, 527 and 613 of Part I of the Second Supplement to the Land Revenue Manual, Vol. II.

Abolition of the Sub-Registry Office at Kotamangalam.

185. **MR. K. P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that they propose to abolish the Sub-Registrar's Office now existing at Kotamangalam ?

(2) will they be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing :

(*a*) the number of documents registered in that office—

(i) in each of the months in 1106 and their total ; and

(ii) in 1107 during Chingam, Kanni and Tulam, respectively ; and

(*b*) the minimum number of documents required to be registered in a year in a Sub-Registrar's Office ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (1) The matter is under consideration.

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(2) (*a*) (i)	Chingam	...		169
	Kanni	...		167
	Tulam	...		222
	Vrischikam	...		248
	Dhanu	...		246
	Makaram	...		299
	Kumbham	...		289
	Meenam	...		322
	Medam	...		297
	Edavam	...		292
	Mithunam	...		227
	Karkatakam	...		182
		Total		2,960
(ii)	Chingam 1107	...		122
	Kanni ,,	...		109
	Tulam ,,	...		211

(*b*) 3,000.

Least number of documents registered in a Sub-Registry Office in 1106.

186. **MR. K. P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state the name of the Sub-Registrar's Office in the State where the least number of documents was registered in 1106 but which is not now (16-4-1107) proposed to be abolished and what is that least number?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Bharananganam Sub-Registry Office, which registered 1,837 documents in 1106. The question of the abolition of this office is under consideration.

Documents registered in the Sub-Registry Offices at Parur in 1106.

187. **MR. K. P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of documents registered in 1106 in the Parur Principal Sub-Registrar's Office and in the Parur Additional Sub-Registrar's Office, separately, and the distance between those two offices?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

Parur Principal— 2,496.
Parur Additional— 2,676.

The distance is four furlongs.

Selection of Sub-Registry Offices for abolition.

188. **MR. K. P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any, and, if so, what principle they have accepted in the choice of Sub-Registrars' Offices now (16-4-1107) proposed to be abolished?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The general principle accepted by Government in the matter is to abolish the Sub-Registry Offices which have not sufficient work for an office, unless serious public inconvenience will be caused by such abolition.

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